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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 2 of the Specification (cross-reference information) as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Reference is hereby made to commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. (1) 09/640,222 filed August 16, 2000, for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POSTERIOR OR ANTERIOR TRANS-SACRAL ACCESS TO SPINAL VERTEBRAE in the name of Andrew H. Cragg, MD; (2) 09/684,620 filed October 10, 2000, for AXIAL SPINAL IMPLANT AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING AN AXIAL SPINAL IMPLANT WITHIN THE VERTEBRAE OF THE SPINE in the name of Andrew H. Cragg, MD; (3) 09/709,105 filed November 10, 2000, for METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING CURVED AXIAL BORES THROUGH SPINAL VERTEBRAE in the name of Andrew H. Cragg, MD et al.; (4) 09/710,369 filed November 10, 2000, for METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING SHAPED AXIAL BORES THROUGH SPINAL VERTEBRAE in the name of Andrew H. Cragg, MD et al.; and (5) ~~(9500010.APP)~~ 09/782,583 filed February [] 13, 2001, for METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES IN THE SPINE in the name of Andrew H. Cragg, MD.